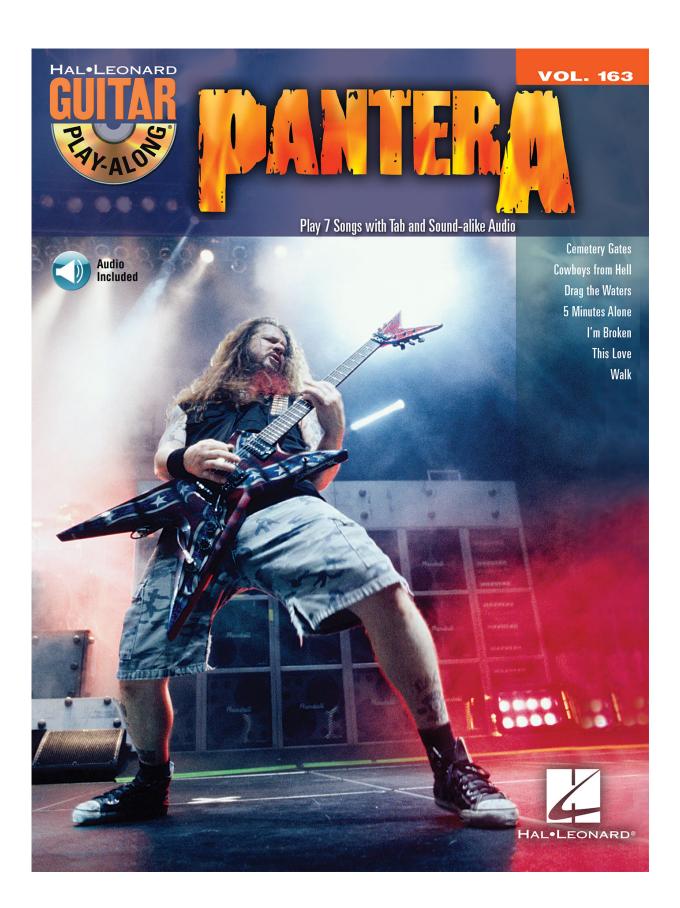


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## The True Cowboys From Hell

In the minds of many metal mavens, the '90s was a dearth for the genre in terms of new bands and new guitar heroes. Sure, the established acts (Metallica, Maiden, Slayer, Zakk Wylde, et al.) continued to carry the metal flag with aplomb, but thanks to grunge, the vast majority of new groups were content to shoe-gaze while churning out one-fingered riffs on drop-D tuned guitars and playing few, if any, solos! There was, however, one notable exception to this sorry rule... an explosive quartet from Texas named Pantera...

Thanks to the patented power-groove the band perfected by paying its dues for many years in clubs and dives all over America, when Dimebag and Co. released their debut album *Cowboys From Hell* in 1990, they not only took the metal world by storm, they raised the bar... high, very high. Furthermore, Dime proved himself to be a world-class guitarist from the very first solo on the album, and quickly rose to the dizzy heights of guitar hero in the blazing tradition and to the stature of his heroes, Randy Rhoads and Edward Van Halen

Over the course of the decade, Pantera released a total of four studio albums and one double-live set, each one more uncompromising and standard-setting than its predecessor. The band toured like maniacs and its bombastic brilliance onstage made the Texans one of the most revered and respected metal outfits of all time. Sadly, the band split up in the early 2000s, and then, on December 8th, 2004, the unthinkable happened. On one of the darkest days music has ever known, Dime was killed on stage by a mentally de-arranged subhuman.

In tribute to Dime's memory, the good folk at Hal Leonard have called upon some of the finest transcribers and session players to accurately notate and perform some of Pantera's most incendiary cuts—including "This Love," "Walk," "I'm Broken," and of course, the anthemic classic "Cowboys From Hell." Thanks to these wonderfully performed backing tracks, you get to work your chops out to the max by emulating Dime's brilliant parts over each and every one! Don't be afraid to improvise on occasion either, as Darrell

wrote in the final installment of his incredibly popular and long-running "Riffer Madness" column in *Guitar World*, "Remember, it's all good, everything goes and there ain't no damned rules or boundaries. So get off! Tear it a fresh ass, tear it hard, rip gaping holes in it! Make tracks, leave marks!"

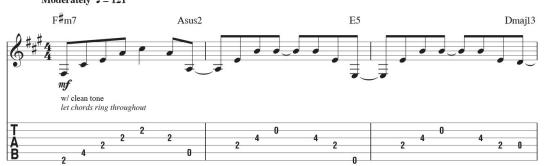
Amen to that sentiment! Rest In Peace, Dime—your music, mayhem, and mirth live on, and always will...

-Nick Bowcott May, 2014

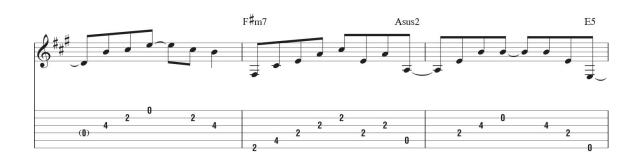
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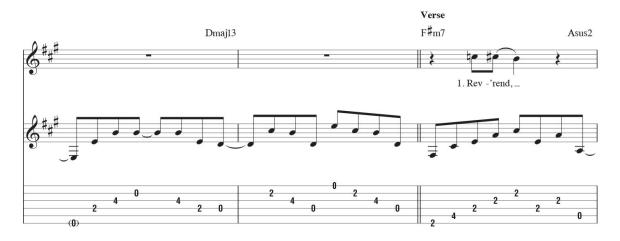
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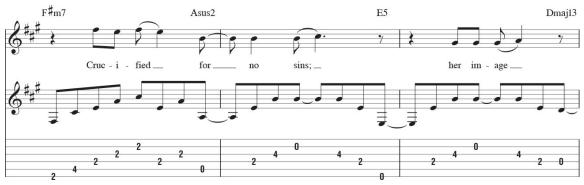


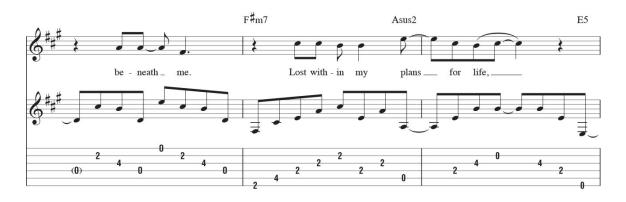


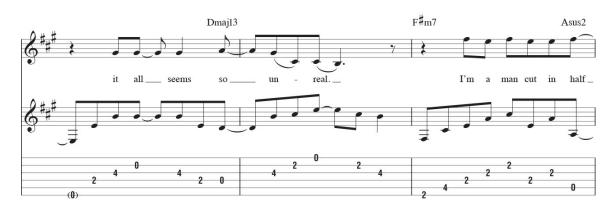
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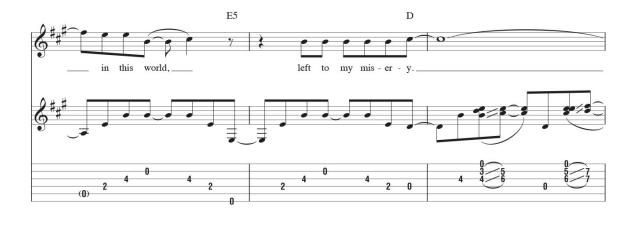
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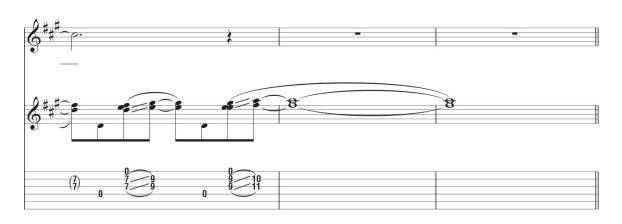


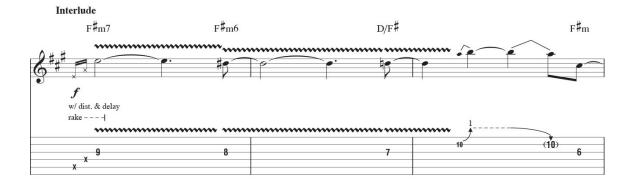


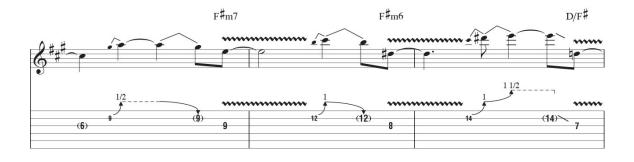




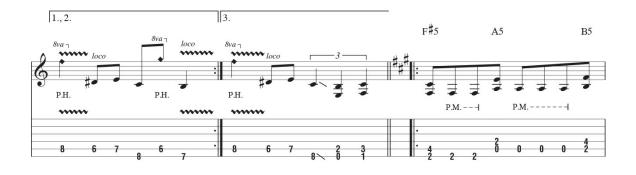


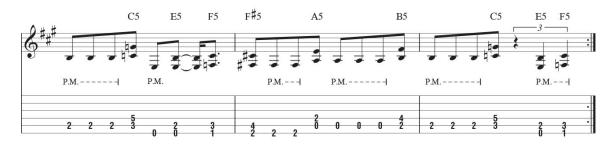


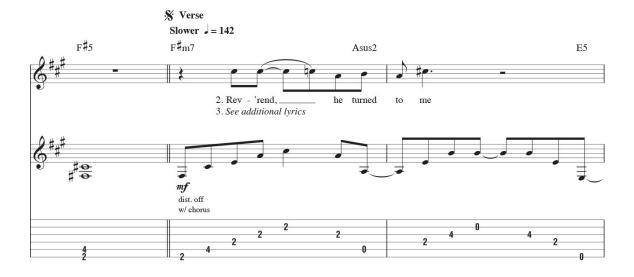


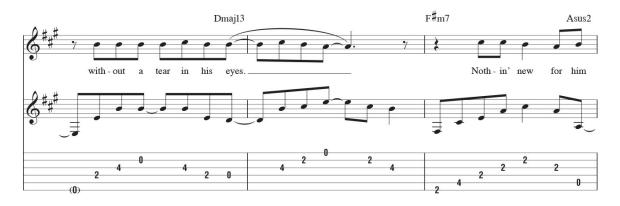










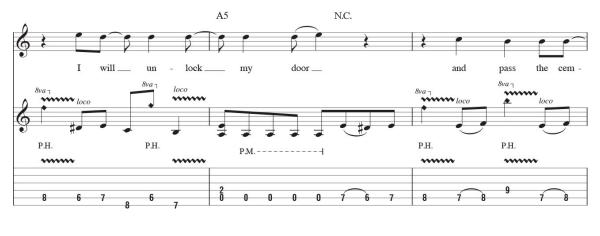




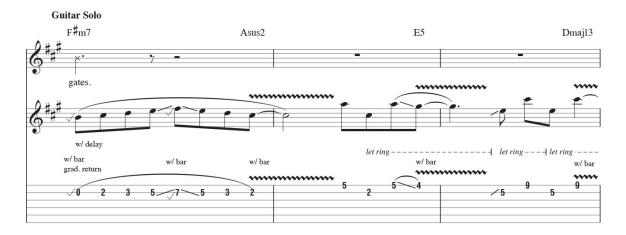


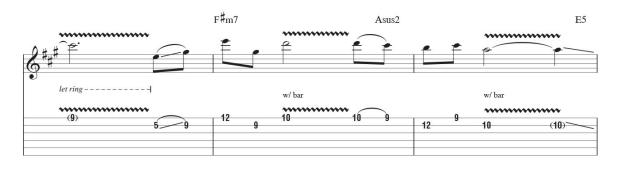


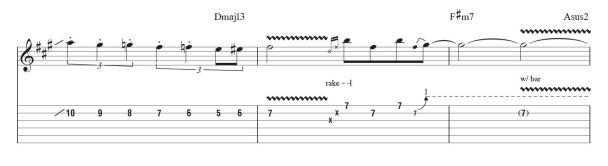


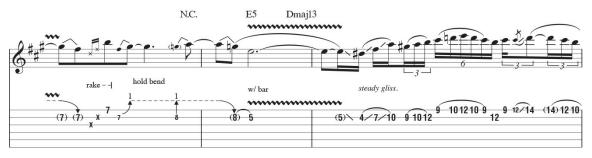


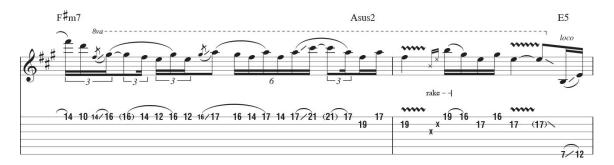


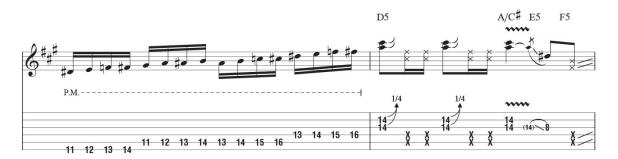


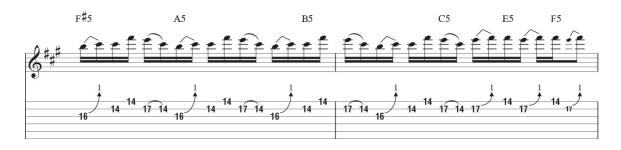


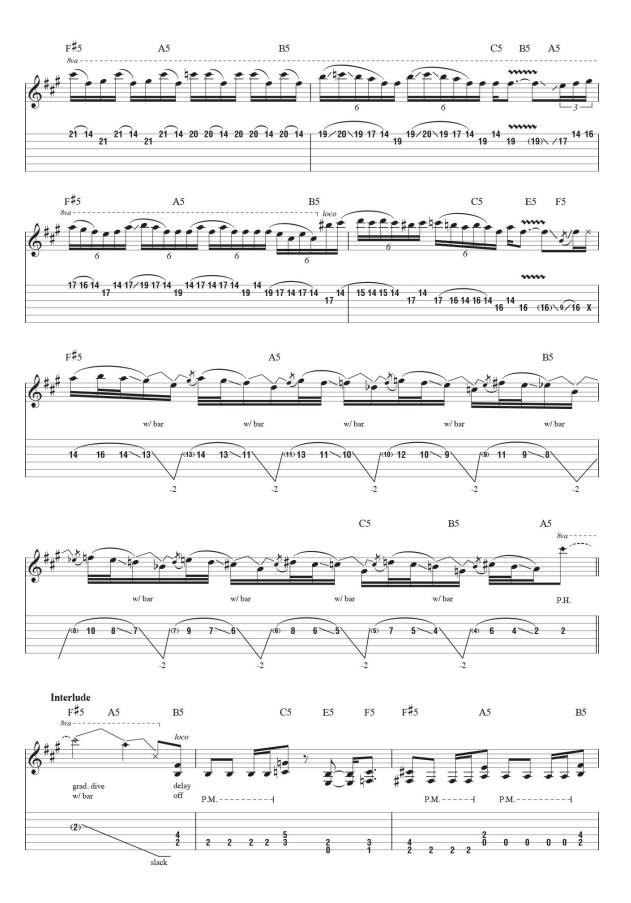


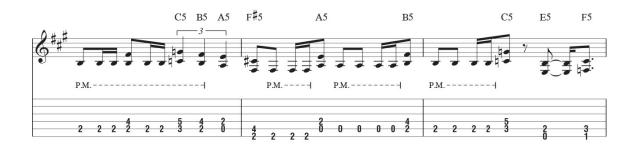


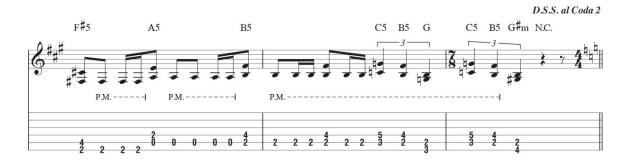


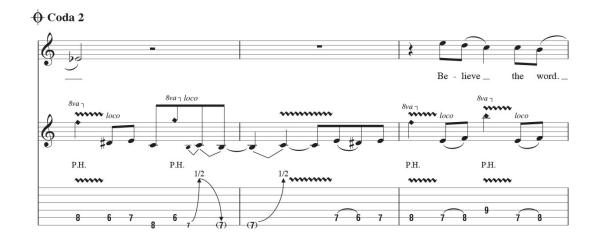


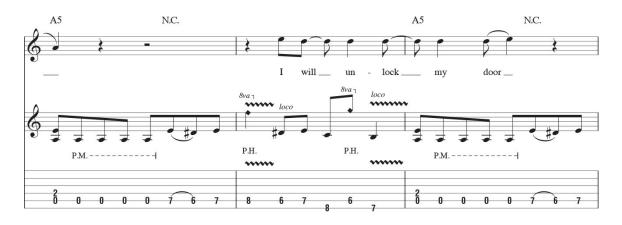


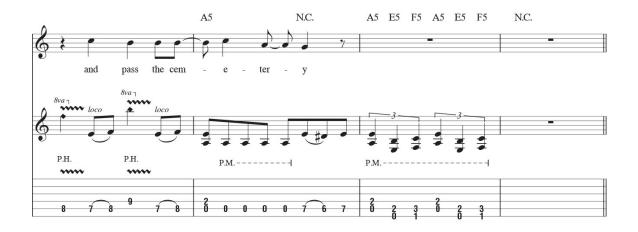


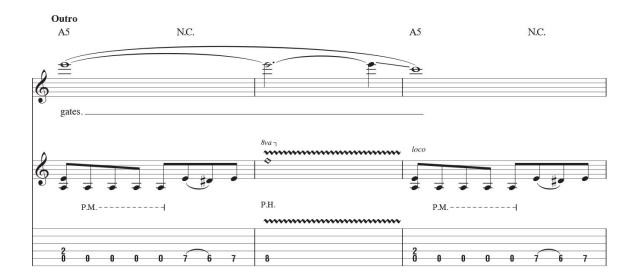


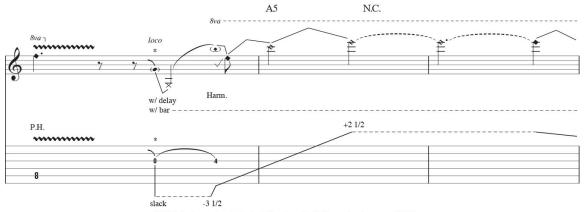




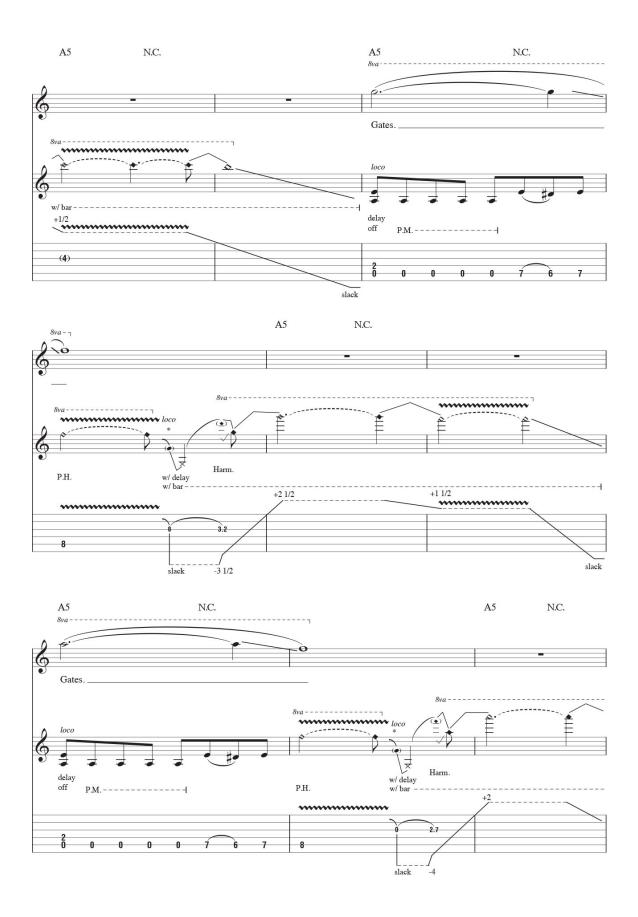


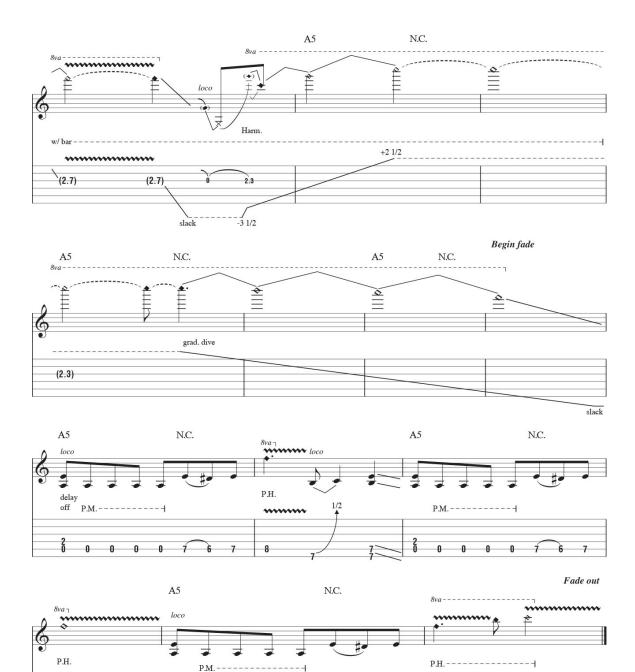






\*Till fade, depress bar & pluck slack string w/ L.H. finger, then hammer w/ L.H. finger at indicated fret location to sound harmonic while raising bar.





## Additional Lyrics

3. Sometimes when I'm alone
I wonder aloud if you're watchin' over me
Someplace far abound.
I must reverse my life,
I can't live in the past.
Then set my soul free;
Belong to me at last.

Pre-Chorus Through all those complex years
I thought I was alone.
I didn't care to look around
And make this world my own.
And when she died, I should've cried
And spared myself some pain.
You left me incomplete,
All alone as the memories still remain.

Chorus 2., 3. The way we were.

The chance to save my soul.

And my concern is now in vain.
Believe the word.

I will unlock my door

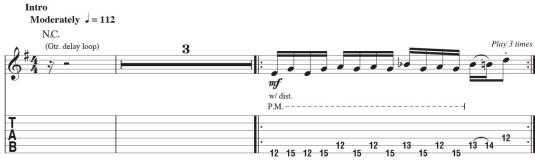
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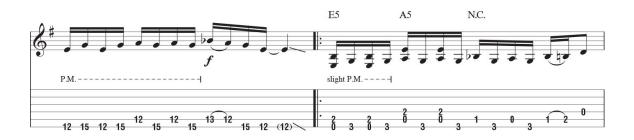
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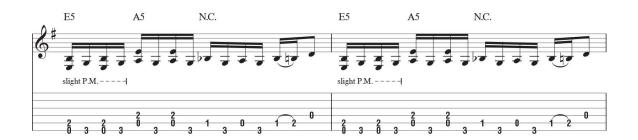
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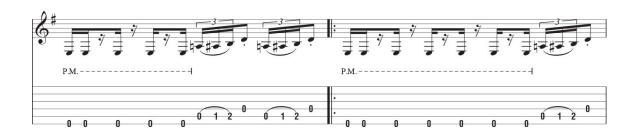
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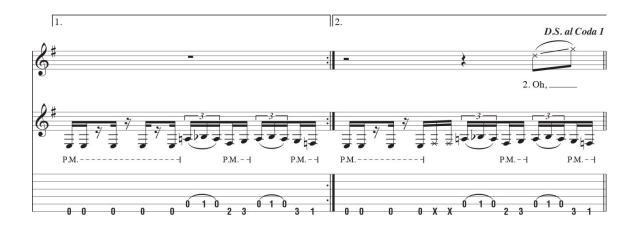
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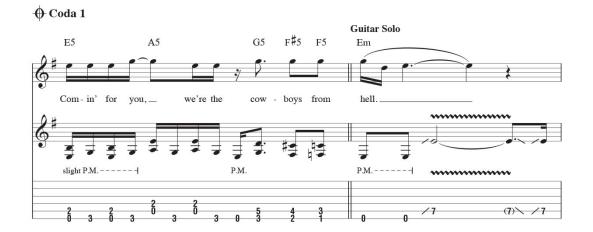


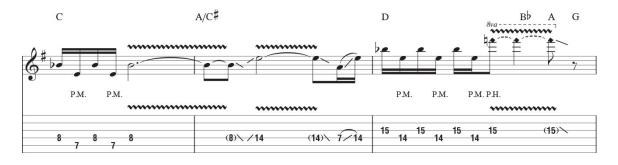


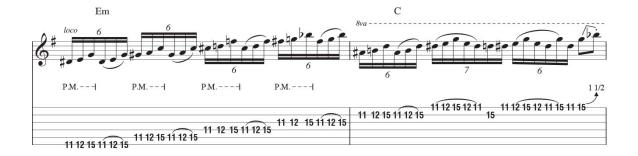


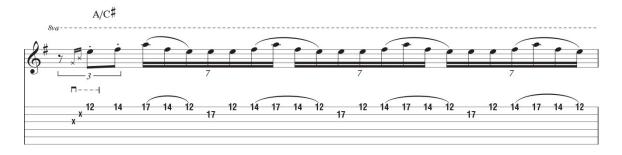


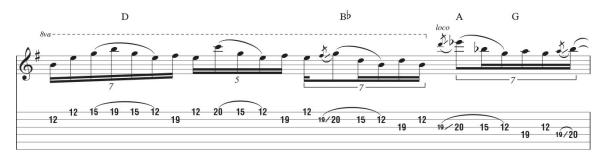


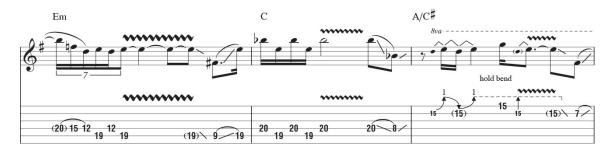


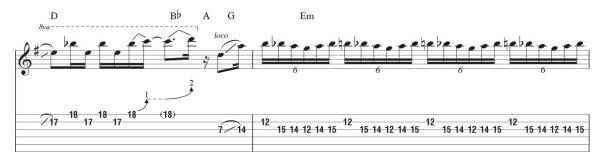


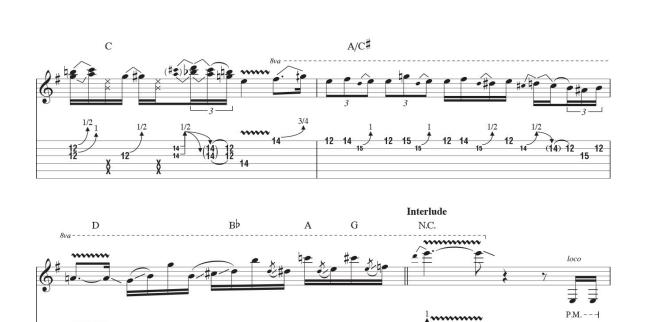


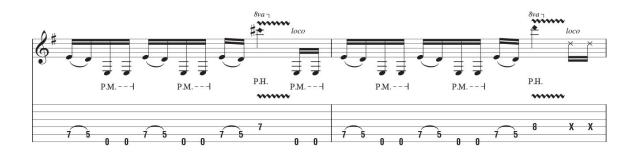






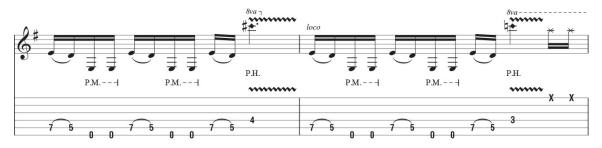




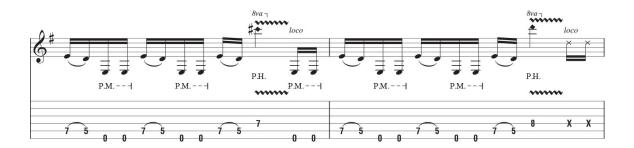


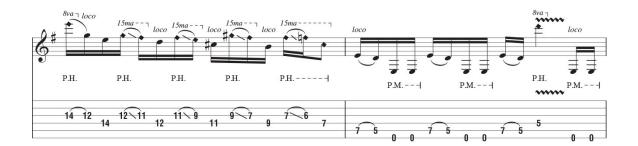
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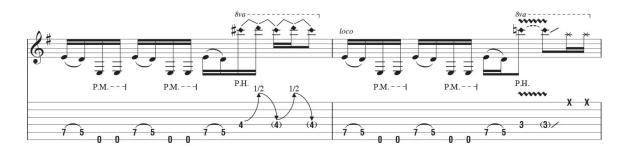


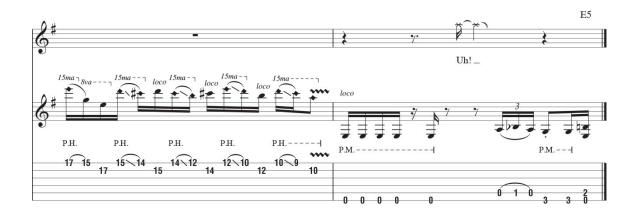












Additional Lyrics

2. Oh, pillage the village, trash the scene, but better not take it out on me, 'Cause a ghost town is found where your city used to be. So out of the darkness and into the light, sparks fly ev'rywhere in sight. From my double-barrel twelve-gauge, can't lock me in your cage.

# **5 Minutes Alone**

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Additional Lyrics

I read your eyes, your mind was made up. You took me for a fool. You used complexion of my skin for counter-racist tool. You can't burn me. I've spilled my guts out in the past.

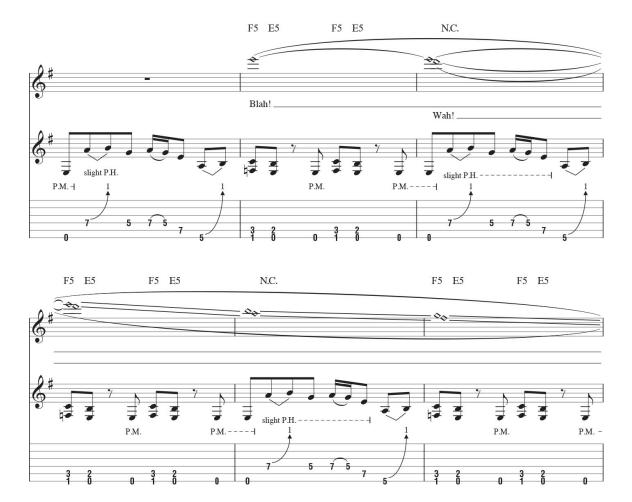
Taken advantage of 'cause you know where I come from, my past.

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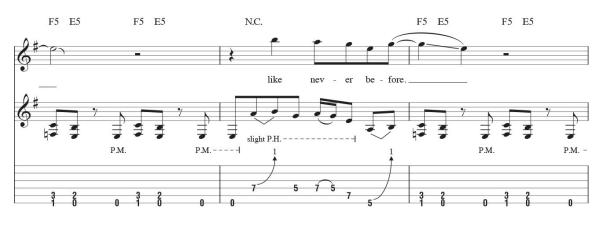


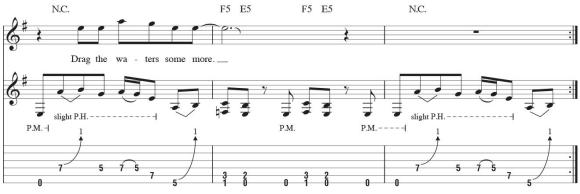
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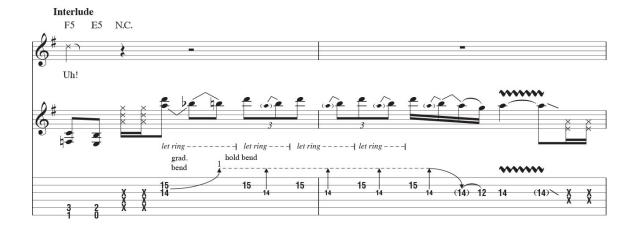


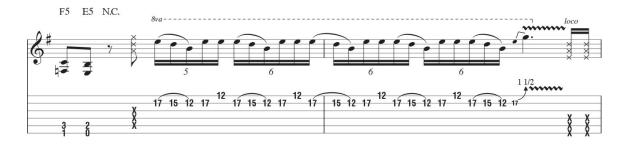




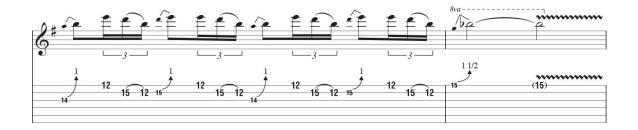


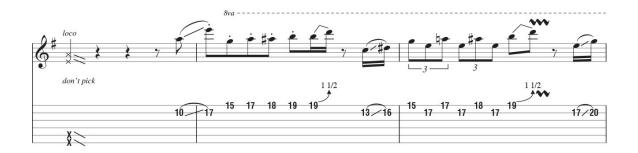


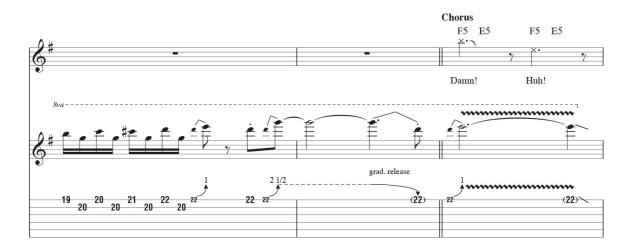


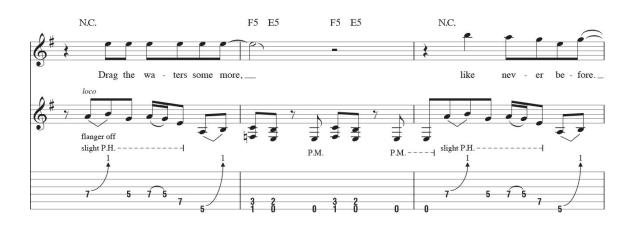


















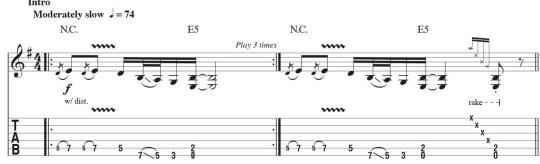
Additional Lyrics

2. Sweet is the slice and the lips, you're gonna have that woman. She is your favorite lay. Promised you, swore that, a, no one had been there and she was gonna keep it that way. Let it move in, you got thin and got high and your money went and so did your friends. But she's by your side and her smile cannot hide the premonition of a beckoning end, the end.

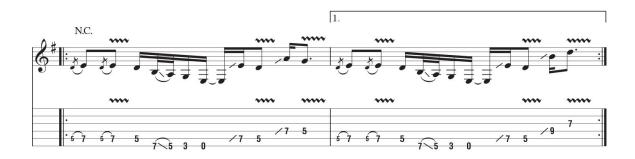
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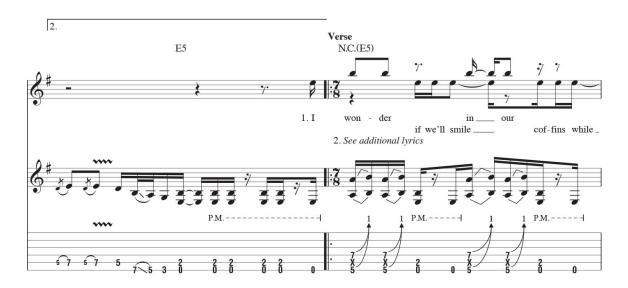
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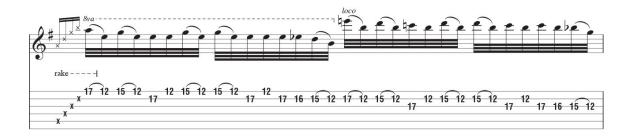
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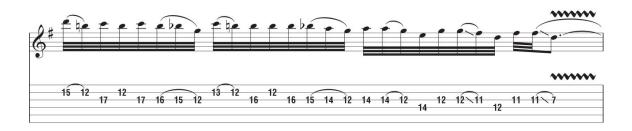
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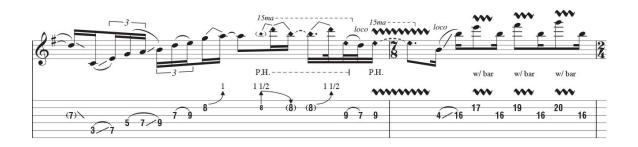


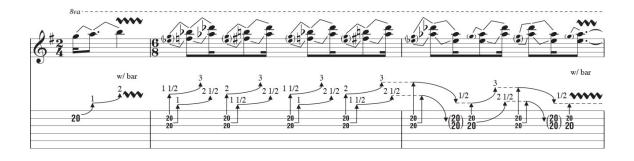


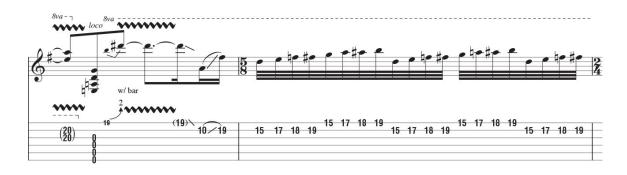




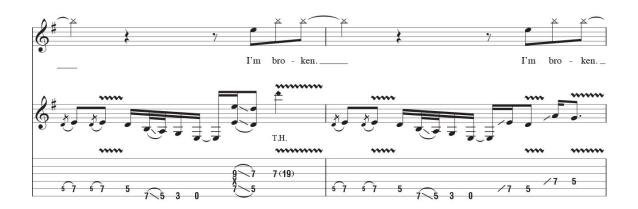


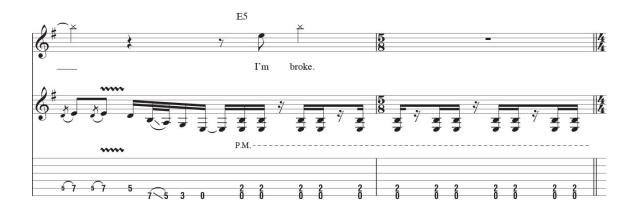


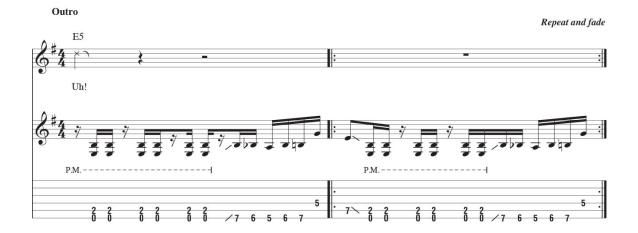












Additional Lyrics

One day we all will die, clichéd fact of life.
 Force-fed to make us heed, inbred, sponge our bleed.
 Ev'ry warning, a leaking rubber, a poison apple for mingled blood.
 Too young for one's delusion, the lifestyle cost.
 Venereal mother embrace the loss.

## **This Love**

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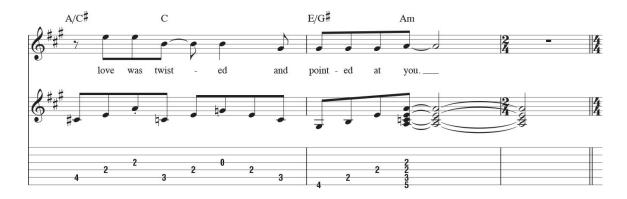
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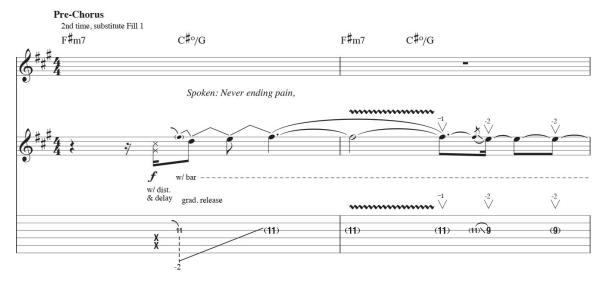


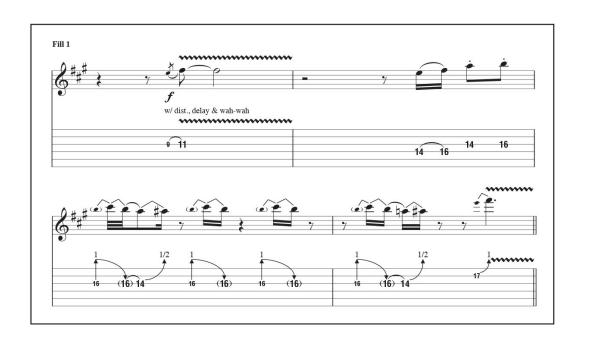
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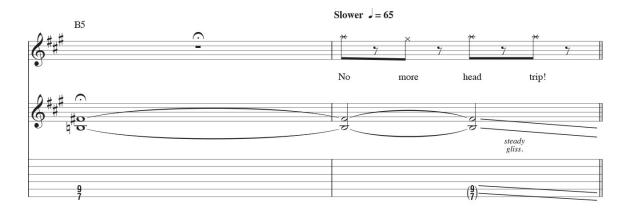


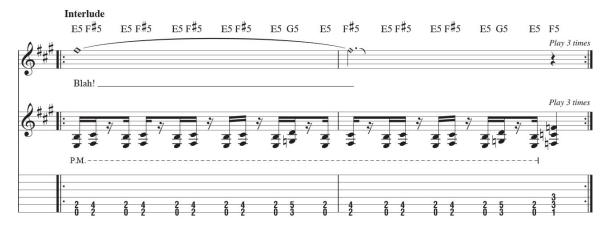




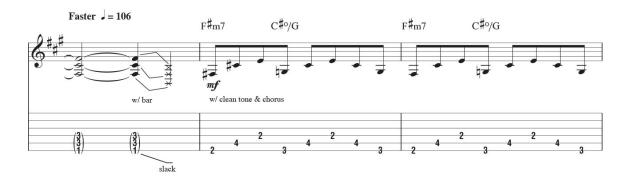


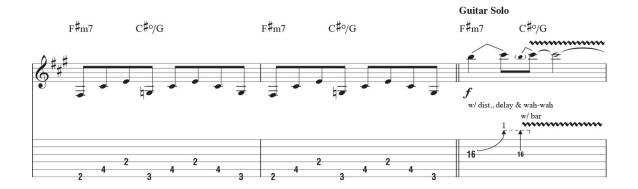


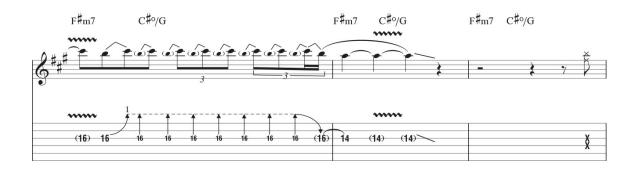


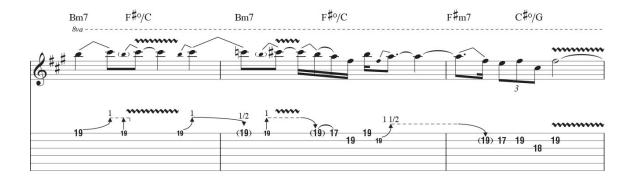


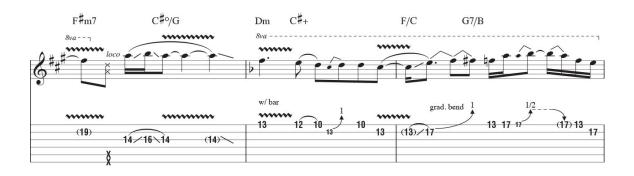




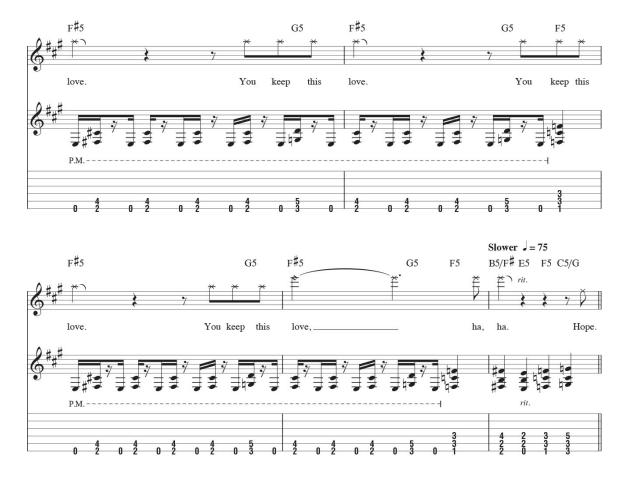


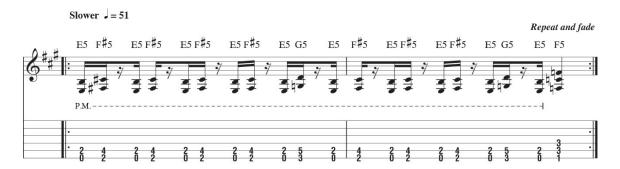












Additional Lyrics

2. I'd been the tempting one, Stole her from herself. This gift in pain, her pain was life. And sometimes I feel so sorry, I regret this, the hurting of you. But you made me so unhappy. I'd take my life and leave love with you.

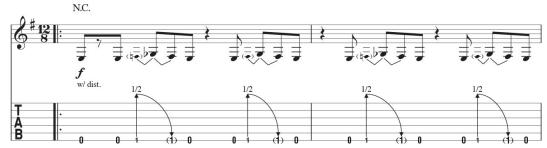
Pre-Chorus I'd kill myself for you. I'd kill you for myself.

# Walk

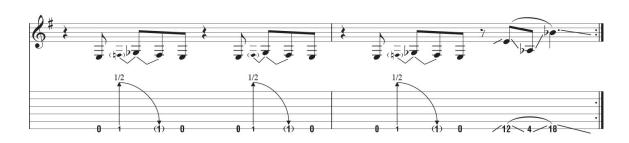
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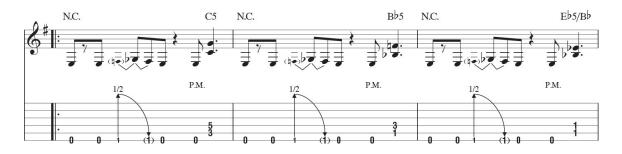
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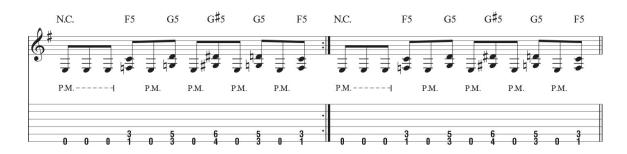
#### Intro Moderately J. = 118



\*Original recording sounds approximately 60 cents flat of indicated tuning.







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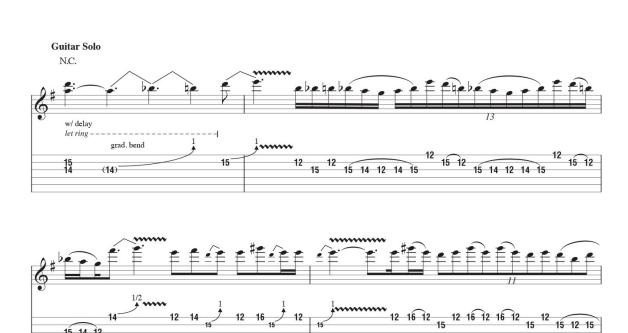


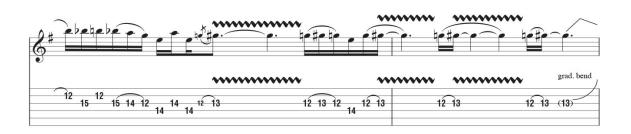


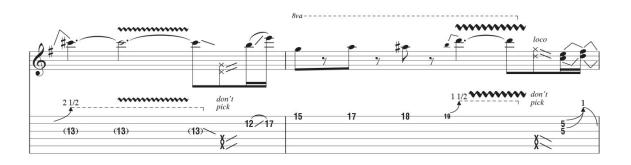


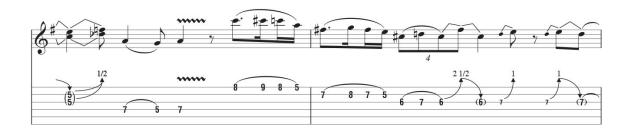


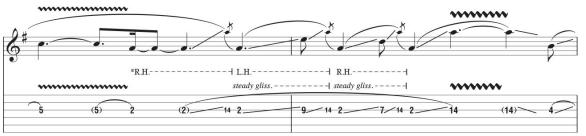




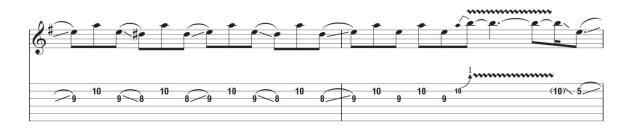


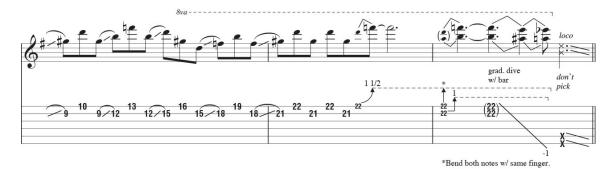


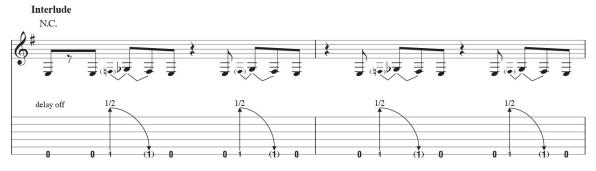


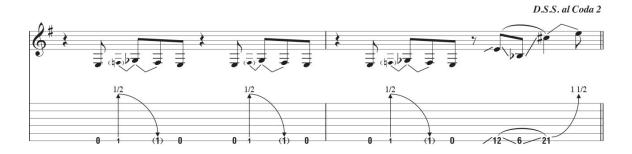


\*Crossed-hands technique: Fret and slide w/ right hand middle finger, then pull-off to left hand index finger (2nd fret), repeating process w/ opposite hand for subsequent slides and pull-offs as indicated.

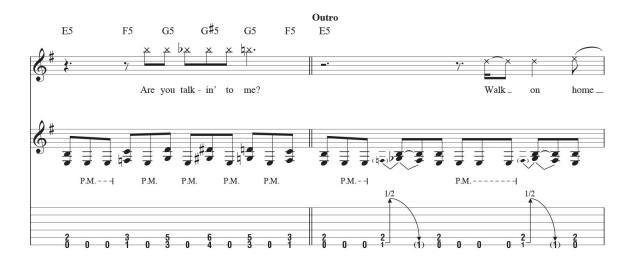


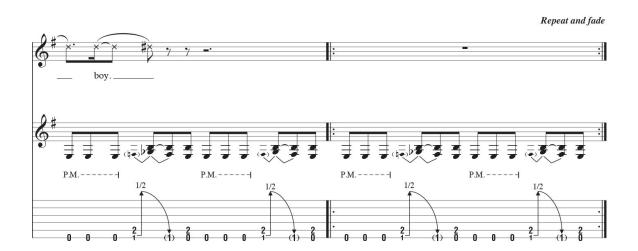












#### Additional Lyrics

Run your mouth when I'm not around,
 It's easy to achieve.
 You cry to weak friends that sympathize.
 Can you hear the violins playing your song?
 Those same friends tell me your ev'ry word.

## **GUITAR NOTATION LEGEND**

THE MUSICAL STAFF shows pitches and rhythms and is divided by bar lines into measures. Pitches are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet.

TABLATURE graphically represents the guitar fingerboard. Each horizontal line represents a string, and each number represents a fret.

HALF-STEP BEND: Strike the note and bend



BEND AND RELEASE: Strike the note and bend up as indicated, then release back to the original note. Only the first note is struck.



**HAMMER-ON:** Strike the first (lower) note with one finger, then sound the higher note (on the same string) with another finger by fretting it without picking.

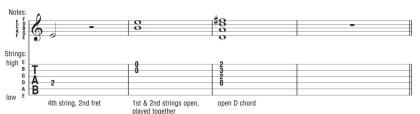


**TRILL:** Very rapidly alternate between the notes indicated by continuously hammering on and pulling off.



**TREMOLO PICKING:** The note is picked as rapidly and continuously as possible.





WHOLE-STEP BEND: Strike the note and



PRE-BEND: Bend the note as indicated, then



PULL-OFF: Place both fingers on the notes to be sounded. Strike the first note and without picking, pull the finger off to sound the second (lower) note.



**TAPPING:** Hammer ("tap") the fret indicated with the pick-hand index or middle finger and pull off to the note fretted by the fret hand.



VIBRATO BAR DIVE AND RETURN: The pitch of the note or chord is dropped a specified number of steps (in rhythm), then returned to the original pitch.



**GRACE NOTE BEND:** Strike the note and immediately bend up as indicated.



VIBRATO: The string is vibrated by rapidly bending and releasing the note with the fretting hand.



**LEGATO SLIDE:** Strike the first note and then slide the same fret-hand finger up or down to the second note. The second note is not struck.



**NATURAL HARMONIC:** Strike the note while the fret-hand lightly touches the string directly over the fret indicated.



VIBRATO BAR SCOOP: Depress the bar just before striking the note, then quickly release the bar.



**SLIGHT (MICROTONE) BEND:** Strike the note and bend up 1/4 step.



**PALM MUTING:** The note is partially muted by the pick hand lightly touching the string(s) just before the bridge.



SHIFT SLIDE: Same as legato slide, except



PINCH HARMONIC: The note is fretted normally and a harmonic is produced by adding the edge of the thumb or the tip of the index finger of the pick hand to the normal pick attack.



VIBRATO BAR DIP: Strike the note and then immediately drop a specified number of stage, then release back to the original pitch.



### **Additional Musical Definitions**



Accentuate note (play it louder).



· Play the note short.

D.S. al Codo

 Go back to the sign (%), then play until the measure marked "To Coda," then skip to the section labelled "Coda."

D.C. al Fine

 Go back to the beginning of the song and play until the measure marked "Fine" (end).



 Label used to identify a brief melodic figure which is to be inserted into the arrangement





- · Harmony is implied.
- When a repeated section has different endings, play the first ending only the first time and the second ending only the second time.

· Repeat measures between signs.

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**Cowboys from Hell** 

**Drag the Waters** 

**5 Minutes Alone** 

I'm Broken

This Love

Walk

